

# JOHN DE LA HOWE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES Family Life Center Board Room Friday, February 15, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Hugh Bland, Chairman

Tom Love, Vice Chairman Melissa Tilden, Secretary

Ronald Davis Craig Kesler Edgar Lamb Owen Smith

**Board Members Arriving Late:** None

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Mike Griffin

Public Speakers: None

Media/Guest Present: Gerald Moore, Student-Centered Education

Consulting Group; Bob Coble, Alex Gilbert, The

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Staff Attending: Sharon Wall, Interim President; Sylvester Coleman,

Director of Finance and Business

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Law, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, the media received notification of the time, date, place, and were given an agenda of this meeting.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mr. Hugh Bland called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Wall conducted a roll call of members. With seven members present, Dr. Wall declared a quorum according to Board Governance Code BD regarding a quorum:

A simple majority of the Board constitutes a quorum, and as such has the power to transact business. The determination of a majority at any meeting shall be based on the number of appointed members serving on the Board at the time of the meeting.

Dr. Wall welcomed guests and the media.

#### **INVOCATION**

Craig Kesler offered the invocation.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Love made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Davis seconded. The motion carried with no opposition. (7/0)

Dr. Wall gave the President's update and suggested that for now the school be named the South Carolina High School for Agriculture at John de la Howe, noting that this may change upon the passing of the enabling legislation. She also requested to be able to search for two new positions, the Director of Facilities and Capital Projects, and the Director of Outreach and Student/Staff Services. All were approved by unanimous vote.

Dr. Jimmy Littlefield (Student Centered Education Consulting Group) gave an overview of the superintendent search process. **This was received as information.** 

Mr. Gerald Moore (Student Centered Education Consulting Group) presented a vision for the school and this was approved unanimously. He also gave an update on the enabling legislation, and **this was received as information**.

Updates to the Board were given by Ms. Karen Petit, Advancement and Development, Mr. Frank Dorn on the farm and Mr. Richard Lewis on the facilities. Mr. Sylvester Coleman gave updates on Human Resources, finance, operations, and technology. **All reports were received as information.** 

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and one legal issue.

# **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next regular board meeting is set for Friday, June 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Lamb, seconded by Mr. Kesler and approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m. (7/0)

6-21-19
Date Approved by Board of Trustees

Mr. Hugh Bland, Chairman

Mrs. Melissa A. Tilden, Secretary

Dr. Sharon Wall, Recording Secretary